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Military Information from Doeberitz

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

13 to 25 September 1952

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23 October 1952

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. At 4:30 a.m. on 18 September 1952, 136 tanks and 54 AT guns including 57-mm and 76.2 mm, were emplaced in, and about 25 trucks parked in, the northwestern corner of the Doeberitz troop training grounds.

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2. On 19 September, 15 boxcars were loaded with billeting equipment and 12 flatcars with trucks at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. (1) At 3 a.m. on 24 September, 8 prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns including 0-41-01, and 2-01-01, 10 trucks and 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded. (C-2) (2)

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3. The quarters of Unit I in the Loewen Kaserne on the south side of Highway 103 was reoccupied to capacity by the old unit after 23 September.

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4. On 23 September, the Till-Bulenspiegel Settlement north of Olympisches Dorf was occupied by a rear unit of about 100 soldiers.

5. The unit from the Loewen Kaserne on the south side of Highway 103 returned to the installation on 19 September. T-34 tanks were seen with the unit. The installation was about 85 percent occupied. (3)

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6. The following observations were made at the Doeberitz railroad stations: 13 and 14 September. Arrival of 48 prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns and including 12 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns

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with ammunition boxes. The unit subsequently went to Olympisches Dorf 2 km west of Altes Lager. (4)

13 and 14 September. Arrival at the railroad station for the Loewen Kaserne of 10 T-34 tanks including about 20 JSU-122 guns and 60 trucks carrying about

800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and billeting equipment. (5)

Night of 14 September. Arrival at the railroad station of 46 T-34 tanks including the Flak Kaserne west of Olympisches Dorf. (5)

moved toward Doeberitz-West on 19 September and 24 JSU-122 guns 20 September. The materiel

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had been unloaded at the Dallgow-Doebritz railroad station. According to statements by an employee the shipments had come from the Guestrów (M 54/T 98) area. (3)

At 8:30 a.m. on 21 September, loading of 10 JS-2 tanks [redacted] which, [redacted] came from Gross-  
Glienicke (N 53/Z 64). (C-3) (1)

7. At noon on 21 September, a train with 38 trucks, 6 amphibious cars and about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets passed through Nauen. The train came from a northeasterly direction and proceeded toward Rathenow. [redacted] (6)

8. Between noon on 19 September and 1 a.m. on 20 September, a total of 90 SSY-type flatcars, 10 flatcars and 17 converted boxcars carrying 59 T-34/85 tanks, 19 JSU-122 guns, 6 JS-3 tanks and 6 T-34 tank chassis arrived at the Dallgow-Doebritz railroad station. The turret numbers of the T-34/85 tanks were between 100 and 200. (3) On 17 September, a unit loaded billeting equipment onto 32 boxcars, 3 converted boxcars and 6 flatcars for shipment to Bernau. (7) On 18 September, [redacted] loaded 38 trucks, [redacted] 5 x 57-mm AT guns and 4 x 120-mm mortars onto 2 flatcars and 9 converted boxcars for shipment to Fuerstenberg on the Havel River. (E-3). (1) On 21 September, 2 prime movers [redacted] and 7 x 100-mm AT guns were loaded for shipment to Forst Zinna near Jueterbog. (2)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The field exercises in the Doebritz training area on 16 and 17 September 1952 which were first believed to have been demonstrations, were probably conducted by units of all divisions of the Second Gds Meck Army between 16 and 18 September. [redacted] This assumption is supported by the loadings in Doebritz from 18 to 21 September of these units which probably returned to their military posts, and by two unloadings in Neuruppin on 20 and 21 September and return to the Loewen Kaserne of elements of the 1st Meck Div. [redacted] The motor vehicle numbers identified with the loading reported in paragraph 2 belong to the Second and Fourth Gds Meck Armies. The unit actually loaded cannot be positively identified. [redacted] the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin which was previously confirmed there until 20 September 1952.
- (2) Loading of elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) which were probably transferred to Jueterbog for firing practice.
- (3) The unloadings on 19 and 20 September were probably made by elements of the 1st Meck Div who are believed to have participated in exercises from 16 to 19 September with elements of the Second Gds Meck Army in the Rathenow-Rhinow area.
- (4) Unloadings of elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) which, according to several reports, was transferred to Olympisches Dorf. [redacted]
- (5) The unloading was presumably made by units of the 1st Meck Div which, had completed field exercises in the Neustrelitz area. They had been loaded there on 13 and 14 September 1952. [redacted]
- (6) The train presumably carried a component of the Fourth Gds Meck Army which, probably, moved to the area south of Rathenow where elements of the army practiced after 23 September. [redacted]
- (7) The train [redacted] is believed to have carried the rear unit of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (2) which was transferred from Doebritz to Bernau. [redacted]

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